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REMARKS

Claims 2-18, 42-46 and 57-65 are pending in the present application and in condition for allowance. New claim 66 has been added. Support for the new claim may be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. For example, support for new claim 66 may be found at page 3, lines 25-31, page 4, lines 5-10 and page 7, lines 22-26. Thus, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

With respect to all amendments and cancelled claims (and/or subject matter related thereto), Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any such subject matter in future continuation and/or divisional application.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 441472000100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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